

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION  
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 17, 2020 through March 22, 2020.

**Tuesday**

03/17/2020

**(1) ENTRIES**

Steward Scott Chaney oversaw entries for this Friday night and will author the minutes this week.

**Wednesday**

03/18/2020

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

**Thursday**

03/19/2020

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

**Friday**

03/20/2020

**(1) RACING MODIFICATIONS REGARDING COVID-19**

Racing continued this evening with quite a few changes in order to ensure safety for participants. Beyond the public prohibition and only critical licensees permitted to be present, Los Alamitos implemented rules and procedures regarding common areas, security logs, banning out of state personnel, access to paddock and grandstand, safety protocol for jockeys (gloves and temperatures, as well as increased space in jockeys' room), safety protocol for assistant starters and pony riders (gloves and masks) as well as restricted access to the stable area. We also informed the jockeys not to come to the office for hearings, rather call in, should they be required to view a race film. Lastly, the CHRB canceled all hearings until further notice, and closed licensing offices.

**(2) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey OSCAR ANDRADE JR tried to come to the office to review his ride in the eighth race Sunday during which he violated the crop rule. He agreed and accepted the following penalty.

Ruling #76

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

(\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP- MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND- FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 15, 2020.

Jockey Guillermo Suarez accepted the following penalty for a riding crop violation last Sunday:

**Ruling #75**

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND- SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 15, 2020.

**(3) VISSCHER RULING**

After considering the facts of the Visscher hearing last week, we issued the following ruling:

**Ruling #77**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1887 (A)(TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND #1588 (15) (HORSE INELIGIBLE TO START IN RACE – NON-STARTING FOUR-YEAR-OLD) TRAINER PATRICIA VISSCHER, WHO WORKED THE HORSE SISTER JOLENE FOR THE VETERINARIAN, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B AND D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- PHENYLBUTAZONE 1190 NG/ML) AND #1866 (E&F) (VETERINARIAN 'S LIST).

**(4) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the fifth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident mid race (300 yards) wherein #3 Cowgirl Boots (J. Rios Ayala) steadied sharply. Video replay revealed that there were several horses involved beginning with #6 Great Nooz (O. Andrade) on the outside who drifted in creating a change reaction with #5, #4 and finally #3. We therefore disqualified #6 and placed her last.

Original Order of Finish: 2-1-5-4-(6)-3

Corrected Order of Finish: 2-1-5-4-3-(6)

**(5) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which #5 Macs Tac checks sharply approaching the finish. Video revealed that he was racing very erratically and therefore caused his own problems. No change.

**(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#5 Linda and Minda – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$80.00.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#4 Stay Golden – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$25.20.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00	
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00	
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Victorioso Dinastia – Rider change – H. Lopez for J. Pablo-Leon (overweight) #4 AP Favorite Chick – Rider change – R. Lozano (+5) for A. Viramontes (no show).	
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 Wallstreet Jewel – Rider change – R. Lozano (+4) for A. Viramontes	
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Hollywood Cartel – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$27.40	

**(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	25	\$1,169.30
Off track	25	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$733,231.70
Total	50	\$734,401.00

**Saturday**  
03/21/2020

**(1) HEREDIA RULING**

After warning trainer OSCAR HEREDIA two weeks ago regarding having an attendant present for Lasix administration, he failed to have one present for today's card. We therefore issued the following ruling:

Ruling #78

TRAINER OSCAR HEREDIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)  
\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845  
(b)(B) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION- NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE  
OF A HORSE IN A PRE-RACE SECURITY STALL).

**(2) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident between fifth place finisher #3 Interesting Hat (J. Ayala) and sixth place finisher #4 Jess Curlin (C. Mendez) for interference at the start. Video showed that #3 breaks out for several strides, causing #4 to take up sharply and lose all chance. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the video, we unanimously voted to disqualify #3 and place him behind #4.

Original order of finish: 7-5-2-1-(3)-4-6

Corrected order of finish: 7-5-2-1-4-(3)-6

**(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Brave Helios – Rider change – C. Aragon for L. Valenzuela (out of state jockey)  
#5 Thomas Henry – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$73.50.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 New Salute – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$17.60.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Charming Alexis – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$109.40.  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Scullysim – Claimed – J. Lopez, trainer  
#6 Two Fifty Coup – Claimed – J. Wallace, trainer.  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Deceiver – Rider change – J. Ayala (+3) for E. Gomez (social distancing).  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

**(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	25	\$1,355.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,015,421.99
Total	25	\$1,016,776.99

**Sunday**  
03/22/2020

**(1) ARAGON RULING**

After considering the evidence from our hearing last week, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #79

JOCKEY CHRISTIAN ARAGON IS SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) DAYS (MARCH 23 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (a)(8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) #1500. 1 (a) (RANDOM DRUG TESTING- POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION).

**(2) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JESUS AYALA was issued the following penalty following our review of his ride from last night after which his mount was disqualified:

Ruling #80

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA, WHO RODE INTERESTING HAT IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 21, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> AND APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020) FOR

FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AFTER THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO SIXTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

**(3) RAMIREZ RULING**

After receiving communication from the Winners' Foundation that jockey MARCIAL RAMIREZ was not in compliance with its agreement with him as required by a previous Stewards' ruling, we issued the following ruling:

**Ruling #81**

HAVING RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION FROM WINNERS FOUNDATION THAT JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF RULING #59, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 3, 2019, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARCIAL RAMIREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

**(4) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the seventh race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident that appeared to involve hard contact between #2 and #3 shortly after the start. Video revealed that #3 Bob the Hubcap (G. Suarez) broke out sharply making contact with #4 which sent him down to #2 where he made contact with that rival and then headed out again. Since #3 finished last, no change was necessary.

**(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Brite Tan – Rider change – M. Arana for E. Garcia (family emergency)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Asem – Rider change – R. Guce for E. Garcia  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Baba Be Gone – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck  
           #3 Warm It Up – Claimed – J. Uranga, trainer  
           #3 Warm It Up – Claim VOIDED – returns to O. Heredia, trainer. Refund \$57.90.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Joe's Passion – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer  
           #4 Joe's Passion – Claim VOIDED – returns to F. Gonzalez, trainer  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Mountain View – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald  
           #2 Papa Caballero – Rider change – J. Dominguez for E. Garcia  
           #3 Jasmine Sky – Claimed – O. Heredia, trainer  
           #3 Jasmine Sky – Claim VOIDED – returns to M. Pineda, trainer. Refund \$78.60.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Never Give In – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$38.10.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Foosilero – Rider change – M. Arana for S. Mendez (weight issues)  
           #6 Kool Foose – Rider change – V. Bednar for E. Gasca (weight issues)  
           #6 Kool Foose – Claimed – H. Magallanes, trainer  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

**(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	25	\$415.60
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,223,217.46
Total	25	\$1,223,633.06

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 22, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

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**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 03/20	Sat 03/21	Sun 03/22	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R		0	2	1	3	90
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K		1	1	0	2	12
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	2	1	0	3	21
<b>Refunds</b>		A	3	3	3	9	118
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	3	1	3	7	81
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	0	3	3	12

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, Tom Ward, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

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Scott Chaney, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward/Safety Steward